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I

Midnight—in no midsummer tune
The broken lark the shores:
The cuckoo of a joyless June
Is calling out-of-doors:
And thou hast vanished from thine own
To that which looks like rest,
True brother, only to be known
By those who love thee best.

II

Midnight—and joyless June gone by,
And from the deluged park
The cuckoo of a worse July
Is calling thro' the dark:
But thou art silent under-ground,
And o'er thee streams the rain,
True poet, surely to be found
When Truth is found again.

III

And, now to these unnumber'd skies
The summer bird is still,
Far off a phantom cuckoo cries
From out a phantom hill;
And thro' this midnight breaks the sun
Of sixty years away,
The light of days when life begun,
The days that seem to-day,
When all my griefs were shared with thee,
And all my hopes were thine—
As all thou wert was one with me,
May all thou art be mine!

—Missouri, June 30th, 1879.

The above poem, found in Harper's Monthly for November, was written by the English Poet Laureate in memory of his brother, Charles (Tennison) Turner, who died April 25th, 1879.

COUNTY DIVISION.

WESTON, Nov. 8th, 1880.

Editors Leader:

In the Pendleton Tribune of Oct. 22d, I have read an editorial in which the editor laments (I) over the defeat of division of Umatilla county. He speaks of H. B. No. 52, and then says, "If division is desirable at all this bill should in our opinion have been passed"—"It was a fair and just division."

Mr. editor, I have carefully read H. B. No. 52, and also H. B. No. 64, and I must say that my opinion is different from that expressed in the Tribune, in regard to the merits of H. B. 52; and I would like to point out to your readers, some of the defects of this bill in as mild a way as possible. To say that the Tribune had advocated or indorsed a measure the merits or demerits of which it knew not, would imply that the editors were ignorant of that of which they wrote; and to say that so able a patent journal as the Tribune would advocate a public measure that is unjust and would prove a great detriment to so many of its supporters would be cruel. Therefore, I shall not attempt to criticize sharply the motives of the Tribune, or speak harshly of some of the "fair-minded community" of our county that would steal poll-books, and manipulate the election returns of their own precinct to defeat the wishes of the people as expressed by their ballots. Far from it. Such matters would not be pertinent to the question that I wish to consider, viz: H. B. 52. This bill was introduced for the alleged purpose of forming the County of Wise and the County of Coal; but really to defeat any division. It was purposely made so objectionable in nearly all of its provisions that those who wanted a division most could not support it. It robbed the people of the new counties of all their revenue and left them without a dollar to support their county government until the taxes of 1881 could be collected. It attached neither of the new counties to any judicial district for Circuit Court purposes; therefore they would have been without a Court in which to seek justice or maintain the laws. This bill provided for the new counties, no representation in the Legislature of the State in the event that the Legislature then in session, should fail to make a new apportionment, and fail it did. Therefore, we would have had no voice or representation in the Legislature.

Are we to be driven to the conclusion that such fair-minded (I) journals as the Tribune and the East Oregonian would thrust upon the people, who have given them what vitality they possess, such unjust and obnoxious measures as these? If these two journals support H. B. 52, knowing its provisions, they are unpardonable and should be excluded from every household in each of the proposed new counties; and if they support it, not knowing its provisions, they should be pitied for their weakness and ignorance. If H. B. 52 was a good "fair and just" one, and the managers at Pendleton wanted it to pass, why did Mr. Kelley,

who was their mouth-piece, and who introduced the bill, vote to indefinitely postpone his own bill the first opportunity that was offered; and when an effort was made to bring the matter before the house again in order that some compromise might be adopted, why did Mr. Kelley vote no?

Why was the proposition to form a new county in the Heppner country defeated? It would be gratifying to have some light on this subject, as we have heard not a single objection to their measure and yet it was killed. Perhaps the Tribune or the East Oregonian can and will make this matter clear and show that it was right that it should be so.

After H. B. No. 64 was amended by the Committee on Counties; if passed, it would have created the County of Knox, containing just 23 surveyed townships. Was this proposition too "radical" was it too much and too "radical" for the people of the eastern portion of Umatilla county to ask for 23 townships out of 108 to form them a new county? The people of Umatilla county will answer.

Sec. 8 of H. B. No. 64 provides that the County of Knox, within one year after its organization, shall assume, and pay to the County of Umatilla a just proportion of the indebtedness of Umatilla county after deducting therefrom the value of the public property of Umatilla county.

Would the fair-minded Tribune have us pay more than a just proportion of the indebtedness of Umatilla county? ONE OF "WILLIAMSON & STEEN CO."

THE MIDNIGHT SUN.

The spectacle of the sun shining at midnight attracts many foreigners to Swedish Lapland during the month of June. For six weeks there is scarcely any night in the north of Sweden; the sun never sets, and the soil, constantly heated, produces, in a month and a half, barley and other crops. At that time of the year the Laplanders pen up their reindeer, and move their huts toward the cultivated fields. Being very hospitable, they greet with joy the arrival of tourists, who generally meet at Mount Gallavara, 148 kilometres from Lulea. From that hill, which is 580 metres high, the beautiful spectacle of the "midnight sun" can be admired in better conditions than from any other place. The 25th of June is the day selected for the ascension; it is the longest day in the year, the sun being twenty-two hours above the horizon. This year the 24th of June was not favored by fine weather, and, owing to the cloudy sky, the sun was not visible at midnight, the following day travelers were well rewarded for their trouble, the sun shining brightly at midnight.—Ex.

RICH SILVER MINE.—R. W. Crandall, Esq., and others, recently discovered, on the head-waters of Pine Creek, Union county, a silver mine, carrying galena, silver and gold. The mine is pronounced by experts very rich. The average width of the vein is all the way from eight inches to four feet. Forty-five thousand feet, showing mineral in all portions, have been located by the discoverers. Also some claims have been located by Fred. Foster and Mr. Rockyfellow—who discovered the Virtue mine. Mr. Crandall is firmly of the opinion that one of the richest camps on the Pacific Coast will spring up in the vicinity of his mines, and that Baker City will be greatly benefited thereby, because it will be the outfitting point. Mr. Crandall is a resident of the Dalles.—Times

The Portland, Oregon, Bulletin says that N. L. Grimes of Salinas City, Monterey county, passed through Jacksonville with his family on the 30th of September from some point north. Among the household goods was an old cooking stove into which he had placed for safe keeping \$500 in gold coin, with which he intended to buy a little home in California. When near Ashland a man approached the wagon with a \$20 gold piece in his hand, which he said he had just picked up in their wagon track. It was found that the roll of twenties had become undone, and had dropped out one by one through a hole that was in the stove and from there into the road. There were just two twenties left.

PENDLETON ITEMS.

PENDLETON, Nov. 4, 1880.

Editors Leader:

On yesterday morning about 10 o'clock A. M., after examining 63 persons, a jury of 12 men were empaneled to try Edward Murphy on a charge of murder in the first degree, alleged to have been committed in the killing of T. D. French, near Heppner, in May last. The following-named citizens compose the jury, viz: John Walker, Hiram Flickenger, Wm. Burden, Eugene Bruzane, A. Cole, Frank G. Effinger, Frank Dunn, J. S. King, C. M. Long, L. C. Rothrock, D. E. Cargill and Nael Haffen.

The prosecuting witness, C. T. Henderson, gave good testimony, and stood cross-examination well. The testimony on the part of the State made out the clearest case of murder in the first degree that we ever heard. In fact we never read of a case where the evidence was more conclusive. The defense attempted to set up the drunkenness of the accused; but admitting that to be a defense, we think they totally failed. They only proved that he was drinking on the day prior to the murder, and that he drank three glasses of beer about 12 hours before the shooting. We do not know what the jury may think of the matter, but we, after hearing all the testimony offered for and against Murphy, say that he is clearly guilty of murder in the first degree, and should pay the debt that he has incurred with "an eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth."

Murphy is about medium height, of full form and habits, will weigh about 180 pounds, is dark complexioned with black hair and is rather good looking, with the exception, that he does not possess any of that frank, honest look, which draws soul to soul and binds us all in a common brotherhood. He is not of that low type of mental development which Phrenologists usually ascribe to murderers. His intellectual faculties are fairly developed, yes we may say that they are above average, combative and destructiveness are large, while veneration and those other faculties which are calculated to restrain men from the perpetration of such deeds, are rather small. But all things considered he is intellectually fully up to average. The prisoner seems to look on the affair as of little importance; we have not been able to see any emotion evinced but once during all the trial; and that occurred when the Judge ordered the jury to look on the prisoner and be sworn. The emotion then exhibited went to confirm his guilt rather than otherwise. More than once during the trial when the witnesses were attempting to describe the acts of a drunk man the prisoner smiled and seemed to enjoy the fun.

In view of all the light thrown on the dark deed during the trial, we are forced to say guilty as charged." If Murphy was of that low mental development which is scarcely above an idiot, we might say that he should be imprisoned for life, but as it is, we say he will know better and well knew it to be his duty to abstain from such an act. So we wait in suspense to see what twelve honest and competent men will say on the subject.

The grand jury did not indict the boy C. C. Brook, who was charged with murdering the sheep herder near Heppner.

Three indictments have been found against H. C. Paige, all growing out of the stage robbery. The Paige trials have all been postponed for the term, to allow the defence to get testimony.

Mr. John B. Purdy foreman of the grand jury, undoubtedly is entitled to much credit, for the good judgement used in finding indictments—they will all stick.

Since writing the above, and after an hour's deliberation, the jury in the Murphy case, returned a verdict of guilty as charged in the indictment.

A Woman's strength.

It is said that Edwin Booth was once playing Petruccio with an actress considerably larger than himself, and that he thought she let go the whip too readily, when, as Petruccio, he wrested it from the hand of Katharine. So, after the play was over, he said, "You must hold on to the whip with more firmness to-morrow night; grasp it as hard as you can; I'll get it away from you, never fear." The next performance of Shakespeare's "Taming of the Shrew" came, and the melancholy-eyed tragedian, who, for the nonce, was essaying comedy, attempted to take the instrument of flagellation from his female "support." It was no go. She held on to it with a grasp of iron, and the audience soon began to see the joke and applauded the actress to the echo. Finally, out of pure good-nature, she unloosed her hold, and the play proceeded. When the curtain fell the actor had no advice to give.—New Age.

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Total coal shipments from Seattle in October was 45,946 tons.

The public debt decreased during October \$7,103,257.

Customs receipts for British Columbia since July 1, figures \$244,257.

During the last week 61 wrecks are reported on the British coast and 186 are known to have happened.

Public business was at a stand-still Monday, at Washington, because of excitement over elections.

Latest news from Cabul is all satisfactory. The Ameer is not murdered and everything promises well.

Bridge building and grading on the North Canadian Pacific will soon be completed to Frazer river.

A conference between Chili and Peru, held under the auspices of the United States, ceased without results.

The Porte is sending troops and ammunition to the Greek frontiers. Unless the Turks retire to the new frontiers, war is certain.

Apples in John Day Valley have suffered some from the frost, yet there is plenty of good fruit left.

An elderly shoemaker from Victoria committed suicide at Tacoma by shooting himself. He had refused to give his name.

A whale found on the west shore of Whidby's Island was twenty-five feet long and yielded over fifteen barrels of oil.

An important trial of Nihilists approaches in St. Petersburg, including the alleged authors of the explosion in the Moscow building and at the Winter Palace.

On the west coast of Africa the native King Chaca died, and his son will celebrate his memory by a four months' performance, during which two hundred captive chiefs will be beheaded.

Of late the Berlin police have seized thousands of revolutionary pamphlets published at Hamburg, and the Official Gazette announces that the senate of Hamburg has declared the city in a state of siege.

Franciscans have been expelled from their establishments in Rennes and Avignon. At the latter place the police forced the doors and demolished barricades. Expulsions of various orders took place at Toulon, Vilas, Carpentras, and Marseilles.

A telegram from Denver states that A. B. Meacham has been arrested, charged with the murder of Jackson the freighter. Mr. Meacham's love for the "noble redskin" will yet be the cause of his death. The most charitable construction is that he is insane.

The Port Townsend Press tells how a party of Englishmen from the Victoria Navy Yard took a sloop for a two weeks trip to hunt among the islands and some spiteful man, who was not allowed to go with them, had all hands and the vessel arrested for violating our laws.

A number of immigrants are moving into St. Helens and new houses are to be built, a new school house is in progress and business is reviving there. The Muckle Bro's mill turns out 35,000 feet of lumber daily. A schooner of 240 tons burden, 100 feet long, is on the stocks there, near completion.

Last Monday, as George S. Barnes, employed in the Company's car-shops, met with a singular and very painful mishap. He was hammering a heavy iron bolt into a car which was in process of construction, when his maul slipped and the bolt slipped out, hitting him in the ankle and inflicting painful bruises. A workman in a Puget Sound shipyard met with a like accident some years ago, by which he lost an eye.—Inland Empire

The roof of Z. F. Moody & Co's store was opened by burglars last Friday night and an attempt made to drill through the safe, which was one of the old-fashion Tilton & McFarland patent. They cut through the plaster and cut off two of the bolts but before they could reach the inner compartment which contained the money, daylight put a stop to their operations. As Moody voted against the narrow gauge bill and against the Umatilla division, the thieves were foolish to try and rob him. They ought to have read the "eyes and nays" on those lucrative measures and they would have undertaken to rob somebody else. No clue to the perpetrators.—Inland Empire.